

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

This Document contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States, within the meaning of Title 18, Sections 793 and 794, of the U.S. Code, as amended. Its transmission or revelation of its contents to or receipt by an unauthorized person is prohibited by law. The reproduction of this form is prohibited.

SECRET
SECURITY INFORMATION

25X1

COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT	
SUBJECT	Soviet Troop Movements and Exercises	DATE DISTR.	24 February 1953
DATE OF INFO.		NO. OF PAGES	2
PLACE ACQUIRED		REQUIREMENT NO.	RD
		REFERENCES	

This is UNEVALUATED Information

THE SOURCE EVALUATIONS IN THIS REPORT ARE DEFINITIVE.
THE APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.
(FOR KEY SEE REVERSE)

- Exercises were held in the Schwerin-Ludwigslust area from 7 to 9 February and on 12 February. Sixty T-34 tanks, 20 SP guns and an undetermined number of AA, AT and field artillery guns were observed. The participating units were bivouacked. High ranking officers from Schwerin were observed. After the completion of the exercises on 12 February, numerous trucks loaded with personnel were seen proceeding toward the Moltke Kaserne in Schwerin and on the highway to Hagenow. On 15 February, a troop train bound for Dallgow-Doebritz was loaded with eight 37 mm guns, 18 trucks and personnel. The vehicle numbers were covered.¹
- Heavy traffic involving vehicles of the 1st Guards Mechanized Army and of the GQFG was observed in the Oschatz area on 16 February. On 17 February, only rear details were apparently stationed in the Oschatz barracks.²
- From 5 to 21 February, motorized units of several branches of service were proceeding through the Gotha area toward Eisenach. The columns which were observed both during the day and at night came from Erfurt, Weimar and Nordhausen.³

Comment.

winter exercises of the 3rd Shock Army in the area southeast of Schwerin. The present report confirms these exercises which were probably held by components of the IX Rifle Corps. The shipment

25X1

25X1

SECRET

STATE	ARMY	# X NAVY	X AIR	# X FBI	AEC					
-------	------	----------	-------	---------	-----	--	--	--	--	--

(Note: Washington Distribution Indicated By "X"; Field Distribution By "#".)

SECRET

25X1

- 2 -

to Doeberitz is reported for the first time.

2. [] Comment. It is believed that the information pertains to the Artillerie 25X1

Kaserne in Oschatz. As units of the 8th Guards Mechanized Division were reportedly holding exercises south of Grimma on about 17 February, it is possible that the 9th Tank Division from Oschatz held maneuvers in the same area. []

25X1

3. [] Comment. [] movement of truck columns through Gotha on 3 and 6 February. Winter exercises were probably also held by units of the XXVIII Guards Rifle Corps north of the Ohrdruf training grounds in mid-February.

SECRET